

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chairman Roy Brown, on April 1, 2009 at 3:00 P.M.,
in Room 317-A Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roy Brown, Chairman (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch
Linda Keim, Acting Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 280, HB 578, 3/27/2009

Executive Action: HB 173, HB 250, HB 280

HEARING ON HB 280

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:00 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 280, Community Health Center support act.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:39 Mary Beth Frideres, self
00:05:44 Jim Morton, Ravalli County group
00:06:26 Jim Ahrens, American Cancer Society
00:06:47 Joy Bruck, volunteer advocate, AARP Montana
00:07:23 Jamee Greer, Montana Human Rights Network

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:08:43 Rep. Hunter

HEARING ON HB 578

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:09:17 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 80, opened the hearing on HB 578, Health corps for in-home medical care.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:27 Dr. Michael Alexander Sirr, retired emergency room physician
00:12:20 Joy Bruck, volunteer advocate, AARP Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:13:58 Jean Branscum, Executive Director, Board of Medical Examiners
00:14:00 Sen. Schmidt arrived.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:27 Sen. Murphy
00:15:57 Dr. Sirr
00:16:23 Sen. Hinkle
00:17:52 Jean Branscomb
00:18:09 Sen. Larsen
00:18:55 Rep. Caferro
00:19:01 Sen. Brown
00:19:22 Rep. Caferro

Closing by Sponsor:

00:19:32 Rep. Caferro
00:21:14 Sen. Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 173

00:22:01 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **HB 173 BE CONCURRED IN.**

00:22:47 Sen. Hinkle
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00:23:18 **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved **TO AMEND HB 173.**

Discussion:

00:23:38 Sen. Hinkle
00:23:42 Lisa Jackson
00:24:06 Sen. Hinkle
00:24:14 Chairman Brown

00:24:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously 6-0 by voice vote of the members present.

00:24:38 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 173 AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote. Sen. Lewis voted no. Sen. Juneau voted by proxy. Sen. Hinkle will carry the bill on the Senate floor.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 250

Discussion:

00:26:30 Sen. Murphy
00:26:32 Chairman Brown
00:28:01 Sen. Larsen

00:28:57 **Motion:** Sen. Larsen moved that **HB 250 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:29:30 Chairman Brown

00:30:22 Sen. Lewis

00:31:14 Sen. Larsen

00:34:41 Sen. Murphy

00:32:20 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote. Sen. Juneau, Sen. Larsen, and Sen. Schmidt voted aye. Sen. Juneau voted by proxy.

00:33:00 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman Brown moved that **HB 250 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Without objection, the vote was reversed and the bill was tabled by unanimous agreement of those present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 280

00:33:46 **Motion:** Sen. Murphy moved that **HB 280 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:34:04 Sen. Hinkle

00:34:26 Chairman Brown

00:35:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote. Sen. Hinkle voted no. Sen. Juneau voted by proxy. Sen. Brown will carry the bill on the Senate floor.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:40 P.M.

Linda Keim, Acting Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([phs72aad.pdf](#))